

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 24 with the following new paragraph:

-- Fig. 25B and Fig. 25C show movements made by the spindle motor assembly 8 and sheet loader 9 at this time. When the optical disk cartridge 10 is fully inserted in the optical disk drive 1, the sheet loader 9 is moved quickly towards the insertion port 1A for the optical disk cartridge 10 as indicated with an ~~arrow F~~ arrow R in Fig. 25B. Consequently, the side pins 83 located on the sides of the second guides 912 parallel to the body 90 are all put in the guide grooves 92. When the movement of the sheet loader 9 towards the insertion port 1A for the optical disk cartridge 10 is completed, the side pins 82, as shown in Fig. 25C, all land on the bottoms of the guide grooves 92, or in other words, on the sheet loader 9. According to the present invention, each lift guide 91 has only one inclined plane 93. When the sheet loader 9 is used to load the spindle motor assembly, the inclined planes 93 of the lift guides 91 are unused. No pressing force operates in the radial direction of the spindle motor assembly 8. In the present embodiment, the sides of the first guides 911 of the lift guides 91 defining the guide grooves 92 are formed as vertical contact portions that are perpendicular to the body 90 of the sheet loader 9. When the putting of the side pins 83 in the guide grooves 92 is completed, the side pins 83 are pressed in the radial direction due to the vertical contact portions. Consequently, pressing force operates on the spindle motor 81 in the radial direction of the spindle motor. The pressing force is exerted by the tension spring 96.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 37 with the following new paragraph:

--When the optical disk cartridge 10 is stowed in the optical disk drive 1, if the eject button 1E shown in Fig. 15 or the like is pressed, the optical disk cartridge 10 is ejected. At this time, the ejection motor 68 is actuated. The ejection motor 68 causes the sheet loader 9 to move in a direction opposite to the insertion port 1A for an optical disk cartridge, or in other words, in a direction of an ~~arrow~~ Arrow F in Fig. 25D via the engagement portion 95 of the sheet loader that engages with the timing arm. Consequently, the side pins 83 fixed to the lift plate 80 of the spindle motor assembly 8 are moved along the inclined planes 93 of the second guides 912. Eventually, the turntable 82 of the spindle motor 81 chucked to the hub of the optical disk is freed.--